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In re Patent Application of:
Daniel J. Drucker et al.

Application No.: 10/829,201

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Art Unit: 1646

For: ENHANCEMENT OF GLP-2 ACTIVITY

Examiner: D. Jiang

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTMS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2007 (Paper No. 5544), applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-6) for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a pharmaceutical combination comprising a GLP-2 activity enhancer and a GLP-1 activity inhibitor, and a kit thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- II. Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of treating a condition, disease or disorder of GI tract with the pharmaceutical combination, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- III. Claims 7, 10 and 11, drawn to a method of treatment with the pharmaceutical combination to suppress appetite, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

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The requirement for restriction is improper because there would not be an undue burden on the examiner if restriction were not required. There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction outlined in MPEP 803(I) (see also MPEP 808):

- (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
- (B) There would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required.

In a proper requirement for restriction, an explanation showing why there would be a serious burden on the examiner (absent restriction) must be provided. MPEP 808.02. The instant restriction requirement provides no explanation (or assertion) that failure to restrict would pose an undue burden on the examiner. Instead, the opposite is shown. Groups I-III are classified in the same class and subclass. Therefore, one search of the identified class and subclass would encompass all of Groups I-III.

To fully comply with the requirement for restriction, applicants have elected Group I, with traverse but because the restriction is improper (as explained above) applicants anticipate its withdrawal. Thus, an election of species from Group II is necessary. Applicants hereby elect the species "small bowel syndrome", with traverse from Group II. Claims 7-9 read on the elected species. Applicants traverse the election of species requirement for the same reasons provided above, i.e. no serious burden has been asserted and explained. One search of the identified class and subclass would encompass all of Groups I-III.

In the event the requirement for restriction and the election of species requirement are not withdrawn in response to this communication, the following remarks apply.

Claim 7 is a linking claim and is included in both Groups II and III. Pursuant to linking claim practice, applicants request that when all claims directed to the elected invention are allowable the restriction requirement between the linked inventions be withdrawn and the linking claim also allowed. MPEP 809.

Finally, applicants exercise their right to rejoinder of the method claims upon allowance of the elected product claims.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22316-00037-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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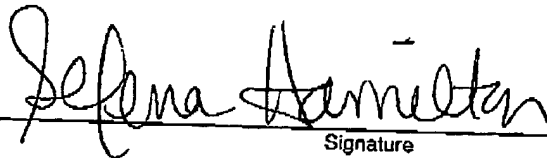
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